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SUBJ: DUTCH REACTION TO RELEASE OF ABOU DAOUD

1. IN THE NETHERLANDS THE ABOU DAOUD INCIDENT PRODUCED
LITTLE SPECIFIC CONDEMNATION OF FRANCE FOR ITS RELEASE
OF THE SUSPECTED TERRORIST. DUTCH REACTION TENDED TOWARD
A GENERAL LAMENTATION OF THE INABILITY OF WESTERN NATIONS
EFFECTIVELY TO COMBAT TERRORISM.

2. CALVINIST TROUW COMMENTED THAT AN INITIAL FEELING
OF FURY AT THE FRENCH DECISION MUST BE TEMPERED BY A
REALIZATION OF "OUR POWERLESSNESS" TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION
AGAINST TERROR. TROUW FEELS THAT THE GERMANS ARE ALSO
TO BLAME FOR NOT SHOWING ENOUGH EAGERNESS TO EXTRADITE
AND PROSECUTE DAOUD. THIS IS UNDERSTANDABLE, THE EDITORIAL
CONTINUES, SINCE NO NATION WANTS TO IMPRISON A
WELL KNOWN TERRORIST ANDTHUS MAKE ITS OWN CITIZENS
VULNERABLE TO RETALIATORY ATTACKS.

3. THE PRESTIGIOUS NRC HANDELSBLAD TOOK A DIM VIEW
OF THE RELEASE BUT COMMENTED THAT THE FRENCH HAD
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LITTLE CHOICE SINCE THEY ARE NOW "FINLANDIZED" WITH
RESPECT TO THE ARAB WORLD. THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM,
NRC FEELS, LIES WITH THE STATES WHO GIVE SUPPORT AND
SANCTUARY TO TERRORISTS.

4. SOME PAPERS HAD MORE STRONGLY WORDED CRITICISIM, BUT
ALSO POINTE OUT EITHER FRANCES DIFFICULT ECONOMIC POSITON

OR THE RELIEF OTHER GOVERNMENTS MUST FEEL AT NOT
HAVING TO MAKE SUCH A DECISION.

5. GON HAS MADE NO COMMENT BUT WILL HAVE TO
EVENTUALLY SINCE A WRITTEN QUESTION WAS PUT TO FONMIN
IN THE SECOND CHAMBER BY A LIBERAL MP. DUTCH ZIONIST
GROUPS HAVE LODGED PROTESTS, AND THERE WAS A SMALL,
PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY.
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